UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT TACOMA

MERLE L. ROYSE,

Case No. C06-5440- FDB

Petitioner,

ORDER DECLINING TO ADOPT REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION AS MOOT

BELINDA STEWART,

v.

Respondents.

Petitioner has filed a habeas corpus petition and application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. The Magistrate Judge recommends that the application to proceed in forma pauperis be denied because the Petitioner appears to have sufficient funds to pay the filing fee. In response to the Report and Recommendation, Petitioner submitted the filing fee. Accordingly, the Court hereby finds and ORDERS:

- (1) The Report and Recommendation is declined as moot;
- (2) The Clerk is directed to send copies of this Order to Petitioner, Magistrate Judge, Karen L. Strombom, and any other party that has appeared in this action.

DATED this 22nd day of September, 2006.

FRANKLIN D. BURGESS UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE